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Dear Parent/Carer

In January 2018 a team of inspectors from Education Scotland visited Braehead Primary School. During our visit, we talked to parents/carers and children and worked closely with the headteacher and staff.

The inspection team found the following strengths in the school's work.

- The new headteacher is providing strong leadership and is working hard to ensure that all members of the school community are valued, respected and nurtured.
- Children are motivated, engaged and articulate. They are proud of their school, supportive of each other and keen to learn and do well.
- Relationships are very respectful between staff and children which results in a calm, learning environment.
- Staff are dedicated and hardworking. They use a range of well-judged strategies to support the good progress children are making in literacy and numeracy.

The following areas for improvement were identified and discussed with the headteacher and a representative from South Lanarkshire Council.

- The school should proceed, as planned, to seek the views of all children, staff, parents and partners regularly and use this information to inform on-going changes in the school.
- Children would benefit from more opportunities to lead their own learning. Teachers should build children's skills to allow them to evaluate their own progress and next steps in learning.
- The school should develop the curriculum to reflect its unique context. Children's knowledge and skills needs to be assessed and tracked effectively to ensure they make suitable progress across all curriculum areas.

We gathered evidence to enable us to evaluate some quality indicators from [How good is our school? \(4th edition\)](#). Quality indicators help schools, education authorities and inspectors to judge what is working well and what needs to be improved. Following the inspection of each school, the Scottish Government gathers evaluations of quality indicators to keep track of how well Scottish schools are doing.

Here are Education Scotland's evaluations for Braehead Primary School

| Quality indicators | Evaluation |
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| Leadership of change | good |
| Learning, teaching and assessment | good |
| Raising attainment and achievement | good |
| Ensuring wellbeing, equality and inclusion | good |
| Descriptions of the evaluations are available from How good is our school? (4th edition) , Appendix 3: The six-point scale . | |

A more detailed document called summarised inspection findings will be available on the Education Scotland website at <https://education.gov.scot/inspection-reports/south-lanarkshire/8545723>.

What happens next?

We are confident that the school has the capacity to continue to improve and so we will make no more visits in connection with this inspection. South Lanarkshire Council will inform parents/carers about the school's progress as part of its arrangements for reporting on the quality of its schools.

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